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SHOULD BE STOPPED

AMERICAN Farm Bureau convention at Indianapolis urges Congress to prohibit short selling on the Board of Trade of agricultural products. This includes food, wool and cotton, all necessities of life.

Short selling is selling something you haven't got, and usually something you never expect to have. It is a gambling trick well worn by frequent Board of Trade usage. One gambler, seeking to force down price of wheat, say, so that he or another may buy real wheat at a lower figure than then pertaining, "sells" a million bushels of wheat. He doesn't really sell any wheat. He merely agrees to deliver so many bushels by a certain fixed date. He hopes the market price will have dropped by delivery day. His paper sale helps to depress the market. If he, or his confederates, continue making these paper, or fictitious, sales the price of real wheat falls. That is the golden opportunity of the grain speculator who often is a miller, too. The man who grew the wheat suffers by reason of the price reduction.

Short selling is nothing but betting that the price of wheat, or whatever it is, will be lower at a fixed date than it is on the date of the sale. Long buying is buying what you don't want, and don't expect to get. The buyer hopes to unload before he has to accept the wheat. Long buying usually is started after short selling has beaten down the farmer's price. When the speculators get the product in their hands they begin the campaign of long buying. The price leaps ahead. They profit. That is the gamblers profit. The producer loses. The consumer doesn't gain. Frequently, he too, loses. Yes, it is argued that many millers must "hedge" on the Board of Trade to protect a more or less uniform flour price, but even this need is denied by wheat growers.

While abolishing short selling it might be well for Congress to turn its attention also to those gamblers who "bull" prices by long buying.

AN OLD LETTER

A sage is a wise, profound and learned man. Who remembers the sage of Montecello? That man was Thomas Jefferson, framer of the Declaration of Independence and once president of the United States.

Nearly a hundred years ago Jefferson "took his pen in hand" at the request of a relative and indited a missive to a namesake, Thomas Jefferson Smith. Sometimes it is known as "the rules of life," and this is what Jefferson wrote:

"This letter will, to you, be as one from the dead. The writer will be in his grave before you can weigh its counsels. Your affectionate and excellent father has requested that I would address you something which might possibly have a favorable influence on the course of your life you have to run. Few words will be necessary, with good disposition on your part, Edore God. Reverence and cherish your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself. Be just. Be true. Murmur not at the ways of Providence. So shall the life into which you have entered be the portal to our eternal and ineffable bliss. And if to the dead it is permitted to care for the things of this world, every action of your life will be under my regard. Farewell."

Who will say that Jefferson's "rules" of a hundred years ago are not equally applicable this moment?

Tom was what might be referred to in the parlance of the street, as "a wise guy." He was the fellow who suggested, too, that one put off until the tomorrow what could be done today, as well as those other practical helps in every day life: "Never trouble another for what you can do yourself;" "Never spend your money before you have it;" "Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst and cold;" and "Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly," together with "When angry, count 10 before you speak; if very angry, a hundred."

LYDIA FISHER'S JIG

FEW, perhaps, could "place" Lydia Fisher's jig. But it one hummed "Yankee Doodle" there would be no mistake about it. Well, truth is that the tune of "Yankee Doodle" was just stolen from another tune that was well known in the days of Charles the Second. And that tune was "Lydia Fisher's jig." The identity of Lydia has not been discovered but the story of the stirring marching song of colonial times has been preserved. But versions differ.

When in 1755 a regiment of Connecticut soldiers was organized and were drilled in motley uniforms, the English surgeon, Richard Shuckbury, a wit and a musician, wrote the words that have since become famous and adopted them to the tune of Lydia Fisher's jig, apparently in derision of the make-up of the fighting Yanks. "Yankee Doodle came to town, riding on a pony; he stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni." And macaroni was used to express contempt and meant "dude."

But the Yankee troops turned the attempt at derision into their favor, complimenting themselves on their unique appearance. Thomas Fitch, son of the governor of Connecticut, was the original "Yankee Doodle" and rode at the head of his troops. The English officers soon found that clothes neither make the man nor the fighter, for it turned out that the Yankee troops were as brave as the bravest. The soldiers who marched to battle to the tune of Lydia Fisher's jig might well take off their hats to the girl who acknowledged Charles the Second as her King.

IF THEY COULD SEE US

EMILE Belot, vice president of the Astronomical Society of France, has been doing a little figuring. He finds that with light traveling at 186,000 miles a second it would take centuries for it to flash from the earth to the spiral nebula of Andromeda. How many centuries? Oh, about 6000.

That's distance! Astronomers now are photographing stars which ceased to exist before man made his first appearance on this earth. The light these stars made when they went out is still traveling with incredible swiftness toward the earth, but hasn't yet arrived.

Reverse the viewpoint! If men were on some of these distant stars with instruments strong and fine enough for them to see what is doing on this earth, they wouldn't see what is happening now. They would be seeing now what happened when man still was going about on all fours, before he learned to stand erect. Or they would be seeing the reptilian monsters which wallowed in the ooze before anything resembling man existed at all!

On some nearer stars they now would be witnessing the life of cities which have crumbled into dust. They would witness the building of the pyramids. On stars yet nearer this earth they would be watching Columbus start out on his voyage which resulted in the discovery of America.

A LONG WAY TO DROP

THE break in prices promises a lower cost of living. This ought to tickle both the pay envelope and the dinner pail. But there's quite a distance between the high cost of living now and the low cost of living of, say, five years ago.

The increase in the cost of food is best illustrated by showing the cost of the navy ration.

This year the ration has averaged 70 cents per man per day. During 1919 it was 55 cents. The year before it was 48 cents. At the beginning of 1915 it was 36 cents.

If the cost of eating is to drop to the pre-war level it will have to do more tumbling than grocers' bills have shown the last few weeks.

The Screen

"Treasure Island" "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest—Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!" This is the ballad sung by the pirates in "Treasure Island," the Robert Louis Stevenson classic, which has been made into a picture and which will appear at the Eagle theatre today and Christmas and the Central theatre Sunday and Monday.

The management is congratulating itself at being able to present this wonderful story to the filmgoers of Bisbee. Stevenson's wonderful tale of swashbuckling pirate days on the Spanish Main is one of the classics of literature. Unfolding as it does a world of adventure, a beautiful romance, a series of thrills, and a group of characters which are the most colorful ever drawn, the story is one that makes perfect screen material. Maurice Tourneur is the director who has humanized the gripping tale and the players, who bring life to the figures are thoroughly capable.

"Why Change Your Wife" When Cecil E. DeMille produced that excellent photoplay, "Don't Change Your Husband," some time ago, it scored immensely because it presented in a charming manner a subject of intense interest to married folk. Now he has followed it with a sort of companion picture which presents the other side of the question treated in the story mentioned, namely, "Why Change Your Wife?" which will be shown at the Central theatre tonight and Christmas afternoon and night and Eagle theatre Sunday and Monday.

Mr. DeMille has risen to great heights in his depiction of the wife, who is her overwhelming love for her husband tries him to the degree that he finds solace in the companionship of a pretty divorcee. The wife who forgets to make a playmate of her husband, and who has changed remarkably since their marriage ten years previously, obtains a divorce and he marries the other woman. It then develops that his second wife grows to be very opposite to what she was when he married her, and trouble ensues.

Meanwhile, the first wife, beautiful and charming and extravagant—all that she had not been in her marital life, meets her rueful husband and wins back his love. Both have learned the salutary lesson that a wife to be a wife must be his playmate as well as his married mate. If they hope to be happy. And so the future looms up for both with the promise of ultimate happiness.

Mr. DeMille has done excellent work in this photoplay, the roles of which are interpreted by highly competent players such as Thomas Meighan, who will be remembered for his delightful portrayal in "The Miracle Man," Gloria Swanson, who was leading woman opposite Mr. Meighan in "Male and Female" has the lead in the feminine role, while Belle Ben lels is the other woman. The cast throughout is excellent while the costumes are exceptionally rich.

"La Belle Russe." Many people contend that inspiration is a myth—that great plays, great books, great operas are the result of sheer hard work. But there must be something of inspiration in the make-up of a man who can work so hard that he is able to write a perfect play in six weeks. Six weeks, and not a day more, did David Belasco work on "La Belle Russe," the drama which held the country spellbound. Critics hailed it as a technical masterpiece. William Winter declared it was worth fifty times the amount of money Mr. Belasco derived from it. Now "La Belle Russe" is to be shown on the screen of the Lyric theatre today with Theda Bara in the role of its heroine. The picture has been adapted from this remarkable play by Charles J. Brabin for William Fox. Brabin, who is also the director, has carried out the Belasco idea faithfully in every detail.

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Although unemployment has jumped from 92 applicants for 169 jobs in the eleven offices of the Illinois free employment bureau in August to 229 applicants for every 169 jobs in Chicago alone during the present month, there is no marked evidence that the situation calls for public relief, according to Professor F. S. Deliber, chairman of the general advisory board.



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FORMER SOLDIER IS WITNESS AT IRISH INQUIRY

Ex-Corporal in U. S. Forces Says Black and Tans Use Most Brutal Tactics

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A characterization of the "black and tans" in Ireland as "wholly without discipline and not responsible to anybody" was given here by a former corporal in the United States army in reply to a request of the commission of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question for "an appraisal through the eyes of a soldier of English forces in Ireland."

D. J. Broderick of Chicago, who said he served on the Mexican border before the world war and in the navy during hostilities, told the commission that "if enlisted men of the American military services took into their own hands reprisals against the people of occupied territories as the 'black and tans' and English soldiers do in Ireland they would be tried by courts martial and sentenced to long terms in military prisons." Broderick, who returned to this country December 5 after a visit to Abbey Feale, Ireland, said he had been addressed by a member of the black and tans as "one of these Yanks who won the war." He was searched on one occasion at the point of a pistol, he declared, and upon pointing out his American citizenship was told "we don't care if you are the president of the United States, you are going to be searched."

Broderick said he had witnessed the pillaging of homes by "drunken black and tans," the "potshooting" of cattle by British soldiers and the wounding of a little girl by the military.

He added that one of the "black and tans" and a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary had showed him their ammunition which, he said, consisted of "soft-nosed" bullets, moulded of lead and flat on the end.

The witness described several killings attributed to the "black and tans" and the searching and "abuse of individuals."

Members of the commission heard from Miss Susannah Walsh a story of the killing of her brother-in-law, the late Lord Mayor McCurtain of Cork.

Miss Annie Walsh, her sister, declared that boy scouts had been killed by "black and tans." Firemen fighting fires of incendiary origin, she said, repeatedly were fired upon by the military.

"It is no longer safe to be on the streets of Cork," she said. "The people hurry straight home from work."

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Little Things Grow Big

"And so the snowflakes grew to drifts.

"And grains of sand to mountains.

The leaves became a pleasant shade.

The dew drops fed the fountains!"

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FOR HIM

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\$2.95

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Phone 471.

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FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

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December 25, 1920

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Tuesday—

Wednesday—

Thursday—

Friday—

Saturday—

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ANNIE WATTERSON, M. E. C.

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LILLIE VINSON, Box 1438, M.O.R.C.

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